

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/IT2004/000629

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61B1/31 A61B1/32

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category ^a	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 198 28 099 A1 (RUDOLF GMBH MEDIZINTECHNIK) 30 December 1999 (1999-12-30) column 1, line 35 - column 4, line 17	1, 4, 5, 12, 14, 15, 24, 25, 28, 32, 33, 38, 41, 49, 51, 52
X	US 2003/032860 A1 (AVNI ARIE ET AL) 13 February 2003 (2003-02-13) paragraphs '0001! - '0003!, '0083! - '0086!; figures 3a, 3b	1-4, 12, 32, 33, 38, 49
X	US 3 044 461 A (MURDOCK BARBARA) 17 July 1962 (1962-07-17) column 4, line 9 - column 6, line 42	1-3, 32, 33
		-/-

Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

21 February 2005

Date of mailing of the international search report

01/03/2005

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Manschot, J

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/IT2004/000629

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3 495 586 A (EBERHARD REGENBOGEN) 17 February 1970 (1970-02-17) column 3, line 5 - column 4, line 58 -----	1-3
A		13, 34, 50

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/IT2004/000629

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)			Publication date
DE 19828099	A1	30-12-1999	NONE		
US 2003032860	A1	13-02-2003	IL	122111 A	01-06-2004
			AU	752555 B2	19-09-2002
			AU	9758998 A	24-05-1999
			CA	2309151 A1	14-05-1999
			CN	1283086 T	07-02-2001
			EP	1029414 A2	23-08-2000
			WO	9923812 A2	14-05-1999
			JP	2001521806 T	13-11-2001
			US	6447444 B1	10-09-2002
US 3044461	A	17-07-1962	NONE		
US 3495586	A	17-02-1970	DE	1466889 B1	23-04-1970

BEST AVAILABLE COPY